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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute attached FIGS. 1-8 for those of record.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given to the present application and note the allowance of claims 1-8, 12-15, and 17-20.

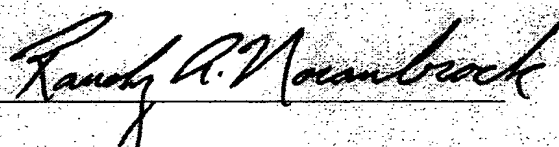
Claims 9-11, 16, 21, and 22 are objected to as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. However, the claims were revised in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application on August 27, 2001, to eliminate all multiple claim dependency. Receipt of the Preliminary Amendment was acknowledged in the Notification of Missing Requirements and the Notice of Acceptance mailed November 8, 2001, and January 18, 2002, respectively. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim objection is in order.

The Office Action also states, "Throughout the drawings[,], all elements are required to be appropriately labeled so as to readily identify the elements represented." The drawings are labeled in a manner Applicants believe to be appropriate.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable consideration and allowance are deemed in order, and such action is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby request any required extension of time not otherwise requested and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any prescribed fees not included, including application processing, extension of time, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337.

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